

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : B01D 57/02, 59/42, 59/50, 61,58; C02F 1/469; C08F 2/58; C25B 15/00, 7/00; G01F 1/64; G01L 1/20, 9/18;
G01N 27/26
US CL : 204/450, 600

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X --- Y	US 6,132,685 A (KERCSO et al) 17 October 2000 (17.10.2000) column 1, lines 38-57; column 5, line 51 - column 6, line 22; column 7 line 7 - column 18, line 26.	1 ----- 2
X --- Y	US 6,251,691 B1 (SEUL) 26 June 2001 (26.06.2001) all. Same Inventor as Applicant.	1-35 ----- 1-35
X,P --- Y,P	US 6,358,387 B1 (KOPF-SILL et al) 19 March 2002 (19.03.2002); Figure 7A, 7B, 13, 14, 15; all.	1-2 ----- 1-35
X,P --- Y,P	US 6,387,707 B1 (SEUL et al) 14 May 2002 (14.05.2002); all. Same Inventor as Applicant.	1-35 ----- 1-35



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X --- Y	US 5,308,586 A (FRITSCHKE et al) 3 May 1994 (03.05.1994); all.	1-2 ----- 1-2
X --- Y	US 6,136,171 A (FRAZIER et al) 24 October 2000 (24.10.2000); all.	1-35 ----- 1-35

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search terms: light, control, electrokinetic, fractionate, particle